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## SHORT COMMUNICATION

***Odynerus melanocephalus* (Gmelin) (Hymenoptera: Vespidae) and *Lasioglossum malachurus* (Kirby) (Hymenoptera: Halictidae) in Berkshire.**—I swept a single female *Odynerus melanocephalus* from open, disturbed clayey ground, at margins of old gravel workings near Field Farm, Berkshire (SU6770) on 11.vi.2003. Although widespread in Southern England (Falk, 1991), there do not appear to be any previous recordings from Berkshire (VC22). Other scarce wasps present included *Gymnomerus laevipes* (Shuckard) and *Nysson trimaculatus* (Rossius) (Sphecidae). Other aculeates included two female *Lasioglossum malachurus* (Kirby) (Halictidae) swept in the same area, new to Berkshire. *Lasioglossum pauxillum* (Schenck) was also present at this site on the 30.viii.2003, and at Theale Lake (SU6670) on the same day; the only previous record for this species from Berkshire dates from 1906 (Falk, 1991).—JONTY DENTON, Kingsmead, Wield Road, Medstead, Hampshire GU34 5NJ

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